

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President Robert C. Trane, Vice President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen John M. Connolly, Bruce M. Desmond, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah L. Gewirtz.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 183873 Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes Approval | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2007. | 183874 Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Somerville Fire Fighters Group 4 for their meritorious service battling a fire at 26 Henderson St. on July 9. | 183875 Approved |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Commending Amy Greene, Christopher McCann, Jose Colon Jr., Marvin Salazar, Kristina Lidano, Charitza Mateo, Alexandra Kaplan, Diana Perez, and Christina Lorenzo, for all the work they've done this Summer as part of Groundwork Somerville's Green Team. | 183876 Approved |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 5. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the handicapped ramp and crosswalk, and repaint the crosswalk, on Broadway at Clarendon Hill Towers. | 183877 Approved |
| 6. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the tree wells and sidewalk along Broadway, next to the Foodmaster parking lot. | 183878 Approved |
| 7. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Chief Fire Engineer instruct all personnel the correct method to dispose of rubber gloves and other medical waste after responding to an emergency. | 183879 Approved |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Trane and Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place signs at city gateways welcoming visitors to the home of the Somerville High School Cheerleaders, 2007 National Champions. | 183880 Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor explore all legal strategies to hold the State to its promised commitment to the Green Line, and report to this Board in Executive Session at its next scheduled meeting the available options. | 183881 Approved |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking direct all personnel not to ticket in the area of Endicott Ave. to Victoria St. along Broadway until the street reconstruction is complete, and that the Director institute a policy of not issuing tickets in all areas during major road reconstruction projects. | 183882 Approved |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for repairs of the manhole cover in front of 4-6 Chandler St. | 183883 Approved |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign at the crosswalk at Winter and Holland Sts. | 183884 Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD inspect 79 and 81 College Ave. for the improper storage of trash outside of the buildings. | 183885 Approved as Amended: Also inspect Grove St. parking lot behind Elm St. storefronts for improper trash storage |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 15 Grand View Ave. | 183886 Approved |

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| 15. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees obscuring the STOP sign at Gov. Winthrop and Temple Rds. and place reflective strips on the sign. | 183887 Approved |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Chief of Police monitor Curtis St. from Powder House Blvd. to Teele Sq., for violations of One Way traffic restrictions. | 183888 Approved |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash at the Conwell School. | 183889 Approved |
| 18. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Chief of Police direct more resources to Ward 7 to address a recent rise in house breaks. | 183890 Approved |
| 19. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, Roche and Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Otis St. sign at Cross St. and the missing Endicott St. sign at Hooker Ave. | 183891 Approved |
| 20. | Resolution | By Ald. White and the Entire Board, Supporting the proposed Green Line Extension to Somerville. | 183892 Approved |
| 21. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works improve the signage at City Hall to provide better directions for constituents attending meetings, especially for the Committee Room and Aldermen's Chambers. | 183893 Approved |
| 22. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the City Clerk improve notifications to residents of Public Hearings for licensing matters, stipulating the specific location, improving the quality of the copy, including the applicant's signature and printed name, and requesting a photo ID of the applicant. | 183894 Approved |
| 23. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 8-7(b), for establishments engaged in the sale of food at retail, to include food for consumption "on or off premises," and to amend Ordinance 2-218 to correspond to these changes. | 183895 Approved, Copy to Legislative Matters |
| 24. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the trees at 23-27 Rogers Ave. for rotting and other safety concerns. | 183896 Approved |
| 25. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order nightly directed patrols at the Maxpak site, the community path and under the Lowell St. bridge. | 183897 Approved |
| 26. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect the building on Medford St. west of Norwood Ave. for code violations. | 183898 Approved |

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| 27. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD communicate with the landlord of the building on Medford St. west of Norwood Ave. regarding its unruly tenants. | 183899 Approved |
| 28. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 39 Warwick St. | 183900 Approved |
| 29. | Resolution | By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration contact this Board regarding the renovation plans and schedule for Albion Park. (2nd request) | 183901 Approved as Amended: That SPCD Director appear at the Capital Planning Committee on 8/23 at 7PM, Copy to Capital Planning |
| 30. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the corner of Hamlet and Boston Sts. for vehicles unable to make left or right turns and make recommendations to allow vehicles to turn safely. | 183902 Approved |
| 31. | Resolution | By Ald. Taylor, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond and White, That the Director of SPCD and the Administration prioritize Dickerman Park for renovations in 2008. | 183903 Approved |
| 32. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond and White, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to Dickerman Park to prevent drinking and loitering after 10 PM. | 183904 Approved |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 33. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Aug. 2. No papers. | 183905 Approved |
| 34. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Aug. 7. | 183906 Approved |
| 34A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an Energy Service Company (ESCO) contract with Honeywell, for energy performance contracting. | 183514 Approved |
| 34B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a 20-year Energy Performance Contract with Honeywell. | 183641 Approved |

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| 34C. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of 3 additional CEMUSA bus shelters, two at Assembly Sq. Mall and one at Broadway and Pearson Ave. | 183797 Approved w/condition: That DPW oversee the locations |
| 34D. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an appropriation and bond of \$144,200 for the purchase of Fire Dept. vehicles. | 183799 Approved |
| 34E. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$21,000 from the Boston Foundation, to extend the SomerStat program to residents through neighborhood data-analysis meetings and the resident mystery shopper corps. | 183809 Approved |
| 34F. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$11,000 from the National Center on Civic Innovation, for SomerStat to publish a Residents Report version of the city budget. | 183811 Approved |
| 34G. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to appropriate \$281,751.92 in unused bond proceeds from the Healey School Reconstruction Project–SBAB for renovating public buildings. | 183863 Approved |
| 34H. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to discontinue the Community Center–Homans Construction Project and appropriate \$136,558.85 in unused bond proceeds for renovating public buildings. | 183864 Approved |
| 34I. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to appropriate \$14,975.38 in unused bond proceeds from the Kennedy School Reconstruction Project–SBAB for renovating public buildings. | 183865 Approved |
| 34J. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to appropriate \$7,898.32 in unused bond proceeds from the Cutler School Reconstruction Project–SBAB for renovating public buildings. | 183866 Approved |
| 35. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Aug. 7. | 183907 Approved |
| 35A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of amendments to Ordinance Sections 2-314, 2-315, 2-316 and 2-317, re: vacation, sick and bereavement leave. | 183796 Approved as Amended by Committee Report, Enrolled and Ordained |
| 36. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Aug. 8. | 183908 Approved |
| 36A. | Garage | New Garage License, Cambridge Rental Equipment Inc. dba Taylor Rental, 352 McGrath Hwy., 4 autos. | 181611 Approved for 60 days w/conditions: Three 16' trucks max, No drop offs on premises |

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| 36B | Garage | Amendment of Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., for extended hours of operation: 7AM-7PM Mon-Sat. | 183644 Approved |
| 36C. | Garage | New Garage License, Inman Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., 13 autos inside and 3 autos outside. | 183841 Approved as Amended: Hours M-F 8-5, Sa 9-5 |
| 36D. | Used Car | New Used Car Dealers License , Class II, Inman Capital Cars dba Inman Motor Sales, 39 Webster Ave., 30 autos. | 183843 Approved as Amended: Hours M-F 8-5, Sa 9-5 |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 37. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the City and convey certain land to FR Sturtevant Street LLC. | 183909 Legislative Matters |
| 38. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an appropriation and bond of \$7,771,481 for energy conservation improvements for municipal buildings. | 183910 Approved |
| 39. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to transfer \$109,959 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Salary Accts. to fund a Collective Bargaining Agreement with SMEA Unit A from 7/1/05-6/30/08. | 183911 Approved |
| 40. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to transfer \$15,228 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking-Repairs to Communications Equipment Acct. | 183912 Approved |
| 41. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to transfer of \$4,278 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Personnel Salaries Acct. to fund a salary adjustment for the Junior Clerk position. | 183913 Approved |
| 42. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$25,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety to the Police Dept. to pay overtime to Officers to participate in Coalition activities. | 183914 Approved |
| 43. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Charles Sillari Jr. as Assistant Clerk of Committees. | 183915 Conf. of Appointments |
| 44. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Jean Marie Sideris as a member of the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change. | 183916 Conf. of Appointments |
| 45. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Matthew Derany as Constable. | 183917 Conf. of Appointments |

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| 46. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the attached list of City Employees to be allowed to work for the Election Dept. for the upcoming state and local elections. | 183918 Approved |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 47. | Officer's Request | Acting Treasurer/Tax Collector submitting her Public Official's Bonds for approval. | 183919 Finance |
| 48. | Officer's Comm. | Director of SPCD responding to various Board orders. | 183920 Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 49. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Open Air Circus Children's Theater Production, Nunziato Field, Aug. 10-12. | 183921 Approved |
| 50. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Tufts Day Care Center Teacher Celebration, Hodgkin's Park, Aug. 16, 5-8PM. | 183922 Approved |
| 51. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Bay State Ave. Block Party, Sept. 8, 4-11PM (raindate Sept. 9). | 183923 Approved |
| 52. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Boston & Prichard Aves. Block Party, Sept. 9, 4-7PM (raindate Sept. 16). | 183924 Approved |
| 53. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Som. Dog Owners Responsible Dog Ownership Day, Nunziato Field, Sept. 15, 9-3PM. | 183925 Approved |
| 54. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Irving St. Block Party, Sept. 15, 12:30-6:30PM (raindate Sept. 16). | 183926 Approved |
| 55. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Malvern Ave. Block Party, Sept. 15, 1-7PM (raindate Sept. 16). | 183927 Approved |
| 56. | Hawker Peddler | New Hawker and Peddler License, Dave & Jerry's Inc., Slush at various events and locations. | 183928 Approved |
| 57. | Used Car | New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Broadway Petroleum Inc., 1284 Broadway, 2 Autos. | 183929 Approved |
| 58. | Outdoor Seating | New Outdoor Seating License, Square Beverages, 30 Broadway, sidewalk sign. | 183930 Licenses & Permits |
| 59. | Outdoor Parking | New Outdoor Parking License, Faulkner Brothers Inc., 2 Alpine St., 4 cars. | 183931 Approved |
| 60. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Kappa Charge/Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave. | 183932 Licenses & Permits |

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| 61. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Wyeth House, 21 Whitfield Ave. | 183933 Licenses & Permits |
| 62. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Schmalz House, 11 Whitfield Ave. | 183934 Licenses & Permits |
| 63. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Milne House, 8 Whitfield Ave. | 183935 Licenses & Permits |
| 64. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave. | 183936 Licenses & Permits |
| 65. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Hodgdon Hall, 100 Talbot Ave. | 183937 Licenses & Permits |
| 66. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Stratton Hall, 45 Talbot Ave. | 183938 Licenses & Permits |
| 67. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Sophia Gordon Hall, 13-15 Talbot Ave. | 183939 Licenses & Permits |
| 68. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd. | 183940 Licenses & Permits |
| 69. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave. | 183941 Licenses & Permits |
| 70. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Bartol House, 37 Sawyer Ave. | 183942 Licenses & Permits |
| 71. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Davies House, 13 Sawyer Ave. | 183943 Licenses & Permits |
| 72. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 106 Professors Row. | 183944 Licenses & Permits |
| 73. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 92 Professors Row. | 183945 Licenses & Permits |
| 74. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Metcalf Hall, 56-64 Professors Row. | 183946 Licenses & Permits |
| 75. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Richardson House, 28 Professors Row. | 183947 Licenses & Permits |
| 76. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Anthony House, 14 Professors Row. | 183948 Licenses & Permits |
| 77. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Capen House, 8 Professors Row. | 183949 Licenses & Permits |

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| 78. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Chandler House, 125 Powderhouse Blvd. | 183950 Licenses & Permits |
| 79. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, South Hall, 73 Powderhouse Blvd. | 183951 Licenses & Permits |
| 80. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Hall House, 98 Packard Ave. | 183952 Licenses & Permits |
| 81. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Lewis Hall, 75-85 Packard Ave. | 183953 Licenses & Permits |
| 82. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Haskell Hall, 43 Latin Way. | 183954 Licenses & Permits |
| 83. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Latin Way, 40A-40F Latin Way. | 183955 Licenses & Permits |
| 84. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Tilton Hall, 39R Latin Way. | 183956 Licenses & Permits |
| 85. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Bush Hall, 29 Latin Way. | 183957 Licenses & Permits |
| 86. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Start House, 17 Latin Way. | 183958 Licenses & Permits |
| 87. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Hillside House, 32 Dearborn Rd. | 183959 Licenses & Permits |
| 88. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 176 Curtis St. | 183960 Licenses & Permits |
| 89. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Wilson House, 136 Curtis St. | 183961 Licenses & Permits |
| 90. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 90-94 Curtis St. | 183962 Licenses & Permits |
| 91. | Lodging | Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd. | 183963 Licenses & Permits |
| 92. | Comm. | DCR responding to #183281 re: the lighting system at the Gilman Sq. Bridge. | 183964 Placed on File |
| 93. | Comm. | Joy Lewis submitting comments re: Union Sq. | 183965 Placed on File |

LATE ITEMS

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| 94. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$285,090.05 from the Traffic and Parking Mitigation Acct. to establish a Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund under MGL c40 s5B, for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements. | 183966 Finance |
| 95. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 from the RCG 17 Ivaloo Trust Mitigation Acct. to establish a Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund under MGL c40 s5B, for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements. | 183967 Finance |
| 96. | Mayor's Comm. | Conveying the appointment of Linda Dubuque as Acting City Treasurer/Collector. | 183968 Placed on File |
| 97. | Drainlayer | New Drainlayer's License, Mass Property Services. | 183969 Approved |
| 98. | Order | By Ald. Heuston and Gewirtz, That the Director of Communications advertise the Green Line Extension public hearings to be held on Sept. 6, at 1 and 5 PM, at 1 Winter St., Boston. | 183970 Approved |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk